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## Campus safety - important for students, parents

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Crime on college campuses concerns many students and their parents when they choose a school. TJC must by law publish their crime statistics.

"We provide escort services for faculty and students if asked, stress crime prevention and patrol the campus to provide a safe environment," Campus Safety Director Randy Melton said.

The Clery Act in memory of Jeanne Clery, a student murder victim at a Pennsylvania university, was signed into law November 1990.

The Act was an amendment to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. This made available to both prospective and attending students and employees campus crime statistics.

The statistics, however, represent alleged criminal offenses reported to campus or local police agencies.

The Department of Education provides crime statistics on post-secondary schools as required by law. These are on the Internet as public records.

Crime at TJC in 1999 con-

sisted of 36 larceny/thefts, 21 burglaries, 1 motor vehicle theft and 10 liquor law violations.

Nationwide criminal offenses showed theft as

fenses and hate crimes followed.

Many sex-related crimes go unreported due to fear of rejection and embarrassment according to the DOE report on college crime.

Victims of sex-related crimes at TJC can report them to campus police and receive counseling on campus or from the East Texas Crisis Center.

"Students should be aware of their surroundings and keep up with belongings at all times," Melton

said.

The TJC website encourages students to follow their sixth sense when feeling threatened, not simply dismiss it as an overactive imagination.

Important phone numbers to keep handy.

Campus safety: 510-2258

Emergency- 510-2222

East Texas Crisis Center: 595-5591

Students and parents can learn more about different college's crime rates by logging on to [www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/PPI/security.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/PPI/security.html).

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the No. 1 crime. Aggravated assault, forcible/non-forcible sexual of-

## Komen racers to beat breast cancer

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"Anger must be the energy that has not yet found its right channel."

Florida Scott Maxwell

*Amanda Alexander  
Staff Writer*

Komen Races host the largest series of 5K and 1-mile run/fitness events in the world. The third Tyler Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure will begin early May 12 at Bergfeld Park. The 1-mile Fun Run/Walk opens the events at 8 a.m. The more serious 5K runs immediately after.

Komen races are open to men and women runners and walkers of all ages and ability levels.

Tyler Komen Race participants have increased each year. The first year some 2,400 people showed up to walk or run. Last year almost 4,000 participated, English Instructor Joan Muller said.

The Komen Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died of breast cancer at age 36. The Foundation's mission is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease

by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

Muller said 75 percent of the money raised here will stay in the Tyler community to help those who cannot afford mammograms and fund research and education.

The other 25 percent will benefit the Susan G.

Komen Research Program.

Event coordinators hope to get as many people involved as possible. TJC wants to sign up the largest team, Muller said, so students are encouraged to wear TJC T-shirts or logos to show school spirit.

Apache Band, Apache Belles and other groups are welcome to dress in their uni-

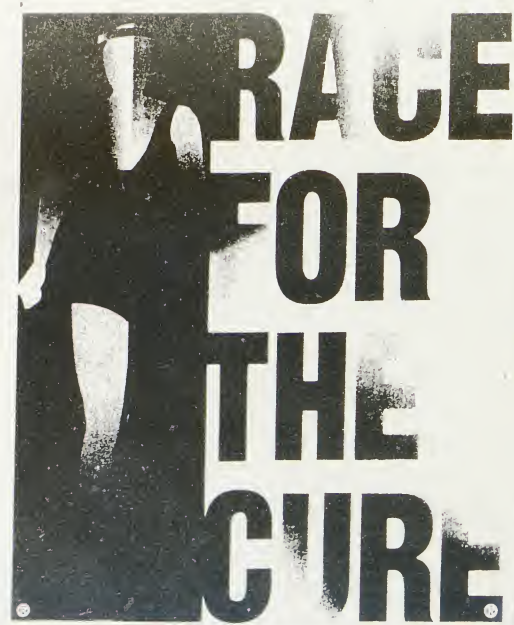
forms to show their pride.

Communications Coordinator Jeanie Brookshire, will make gold arm bands for all on the TJC team, Muller said.

TJC team members and supporters will congregate before the Race near the tennis courts at Bergfeld Park. They will find a large sign designating the TJC area.

Students, faculty and staff can pick up registration forms from:

Campus Safety - Debbie Owens  
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Library - Gay Howard  
Maintenance - Phyllis Gray  
Pirtle Tech. - Amy Eves  
Potter Hall - Linda Zeigler  
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WASC - Fran Starnes





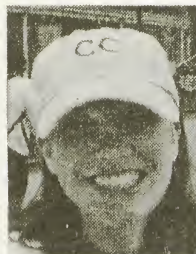
# CAMPUS F•O•C•U•S

## If you don't smoke, are you tempted by your friends?



"Yes, I am tempted to smoke."

Ryan Bass



"No, not tempted by cigarettes."

Shannon Matlock



"Never tempted because I am an athlete and take care of my body."

Ken Baxter



"I have tried and tempted occasionally."

Justin Carson



"Yes, I'm tempted quite often."

Scott King

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## Parents need to do their job

by Michael Gibson  
editor-in-chief

Over the past five years school violence has increased frighteningly. Kids are coming to school with guns, shooting up their classmates and teachers. We are left wondering why.

Many young people today are, to put it bluntly, mean-spirited and disrespectful. Why?

Too many parents nowadays do nothing more than spoil their kids. They take them to the mall and buy presents to their hearts' content. When they get home, Mom and Dad go do their own thing while the kids sit in watching TV with a Playstation and a box of cookies. Too many parents spend absolutely no time

looking their kids in the eye and telling them how to respect their peers.

During my senior year at Lindale High School, I got to know a really nice young man who was considered one of the outcasts. One night, he got high and stabbed his mother several times, then sat down in a recliner in his room and put a bullet through his head.

To the people who didn't know him well, this was just another druggie who liked to get high and destroyed his life.

As time went on, the truth of his life began to come out. His mother was neglectful; she even bought his drugs for him. What kind of a message does that

send? He was deprived of a wonderful life because his mother never taught him the basic values.

We say we are too busy to focus on our family. We are so consumed with the daily grind that children are neglected. They miss what they need the most: love — love of parent, love of siblings, love of family.

College students may not be too concerned because most of us don't have any children, but maybe we have a little brother or sister or other family member who attends school or works there. My mother teaches at Robert E. Lee High School where last week a kid was arrested for bringing a loaded gun on campus. Not only are students at risk, so

are teachers.

What can we do? First, parents need to focus more carefully on raising their children. That's harsh, I know, but where else can we expect kids to learn how to grow up?

Everyone wants to put that burden on schoolteachers. They already have enough to deal with.

Kids need parents. They need an end to the cop-out by parents who are too lazy to take the responsibility into their own hands. What's the point of having children if no one will look after them?

They need a loving, caring family to teach them to be loving, caring human beings. That's the only way they'll ever learn.

### 'Taking George home to his father's funeral . . .

### will be in memory of our clan's life history'

I am writing my appreciations to all the Americans, mostly to those who reacted positively to the death of George Mutashobya's father, which happened at the end of March, 2001, in Tanzania, East Africa. The exact date was March 27, 2001. I don't know what to say exactly to make you all understand how thankful I am. In short, George is my uncle. He is the youngest brother of my mother; that means his father is my grandfather.

The death of my grandfather brought a shock to me, but not the same as him. I can't even try to compare my feel-

ings with his about that death. I don't know how to explain about this, but everybody knows the differences of the death of the father and the death of the grandfather. I am taking my time to write this because I am living with George over here in the U.S. He is my only close relative and I am his only close relative.

Taking George home to his father's funeral is the best thing ever done by an outside help in our family/clan, according to my knowledge, considering George as the last born of that man, Mr. Mathew

Benges. I knew how hard it could be to bring back happiness in the house without him at least go there for a while. We didn't have any means to solutions and hour after hour sadness was growing up in me, too, when I tried to put myself in his position. This means, by helping him go there, you all helped me, too.

Thanks a lot to Miss Sondra (Ramsour) and Miss Julia (Williamson), his bosses at the HPE Center, for their fund raising idea to help George go back to Tanzania for his father's funeral. Thanks a lot to all those who did put something in that

quick fund-raising event.

Thanks a lot to Miss Pat Cottrill and Janna Chancey for their cooperation as international student advisors.

Thanks a lot to George's tutors for giving him time, especially in class time, to pray for his father's death. Thanks to all the TJC boards, TJC's partners and all the Americans represented by Miss Julia and Miss Sondra. These two people will be in the memory of our clan's life history.

Erick Fungo  
George's cousin





## Reality Check



## Federal courts make sharing illegal

by Mike Pero  
staff writer



During my childhood, teachers and parents constantly told me sharing was necessary. Now, all of a sudden, federal courts are trying to make it illegal.

The results and consequences surrounding the case are still a bit hazy, but it appears that Napster has lost its arduous battle with Recording Industry Association of America. The Robin Hood of the music industry has been forced to filter thousands of songs and its millions of

Merry Men face the prospect of monthly fees for the meager selection that remains.

Why all the controversy? Well, according to Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich, "downloading one of our songs on Napster is no different than walking into a Tower Records and stealing a Metallica CD." So, according to Lars, if a friend e-mails me a picture he found on an offbeat website, Hotmail is guilty of criminal theft.

Napster is a file-sharing program that allows anyone with the software to swap MP3s with other Napster users. No songs are stored in Napster database; it merely acts as a switchboard between users. It provides free

access for its several million users to almost every song ever recorded.

Now, as a musician, I can understand why one would have a beef with Napster. The music industry is brutal on start-up artists and record labels making the commission received from CDs sold vital to putting food on the table. But, also as a musician, I take pride in what I play and, if I had a recording, would view Napster as a beneficial means of distribution.

Also troubling is the fact that Napster's main opposition comes not from poor, start-up groups and labels but rather from industry giants. Both the metal band Metallica and rapper/pro-

ducer Dr. Dre have filed suits against Napster. Every member of Metallica is filthy rich and Dr. Dre has more Bentleys, Rolexes and hoes than he could rap about in a year. So why do these artists care if they lose a couple thousand dollars in CD sales?

The truth is that Metallica, along with Dr. Dre and others, have sold out. Their music is played and produced strictly for monetary gain, which puts them on the same level as greedy bureaucrats.

Maybe RIAA is right and Napster needs to be modified. But there's just something wrong with calling yourself a musician and then suing the medium that allows access to your work.

As far as I'm concerned, Metallica played themselves out long before Napster started ruffling feathers and why anyone would want to download any of their cookie-cutter songs is beyond me. And Dr. Dre had better watch his back, because if they can link Napster to the dent in his pocketbook, I'm sure there's a way to connect him to the recent school shootings and church burnings.

The RIAA may have won the battle, but technology is advancing way too fast for them to ever claim complete victory. If they want to have any say in online file sharing, they need to make like Darwin's monkeys and adapt to the times.

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## Campus compassion takes student home

by Kenneth Dean  
associate editor

Who said compassion for our fellow humans is dead? Sometimes the best comes from the worst possible situations. Take the death of freshman George Mutashobya's father in Tanzania, Africa, last week. Most of us know how hard it is dealing with a loved one's death, but add the fact that Tanzania is thousands of miles away.

When he heard about his father's death, Mutashobya was understandably upset. He had no way to return home for the traditional 40-day mourning period. A airline ticket would cost \$1,600, money he did not have.

After hearing of his predicament, TJC staff and faculty stepped in to help. President Dr. Bill Crowe was out of town so no official funding could be sought to help Shobya, as he is known.

HPE Director Julia Williamson and HPE Technician Sondra Ramsour quickly went to work. An E-mail went out to all college employees asking them to help fund the trip.

The response was incredible. More

than enough money was donated.

"\$2600 was raised in about five hours," Accounting Technician Rebecca Wyatt said. "We bought his ticket and gave him some traveling money. I was glad to be a part of this effort."

Williamson and Ramsour drove Mutashobya to DFW Airport to begin the 18-hour flight. He will return April 9.

Money left over will provide a scholarship fund for Shobya next semester.

We all sometimes become desensitized by our surroundings, but it is good to know that ordinary folks can help each other — in a hurry.

What if no one had helped? What if it were your father? Just when we think no one cares, we find out people really do.

My hat is off to all those in the TJC family who saw a need to help Shobya. My hope is that no matter how busy we become, we will remember to be kind.

When I heard this story, I felt as though the world is not such a bad place. I hope you will too.



# Coach Knight has nothing on Coach Tillis

John Wilmoth  
staff writer

What type of person would like to have dinner with a chair-tossing, red sweater-wearer, a seven-time champion of the NBA Finals, and the best 6-9 point guard to ever play the game? The same woman who has a "whole butterfly factory" in her stomach before games.

Trenia Tillis, a rebounding machine throughout her playing days, has completed her first season as head coach of the Apache Ladies and led them to

a 29-7 mark and a fifth place finish in the NJCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

"Big T" — as she was known in her playing days — has become "Coach T". She doesn't yell or scream or stomp on the sideline; she does all her talking with looks.

"I'll give my players a look and they'll know what I just said," Tillis laughed.

Her credentials don't stop with her cool demeanor and Windex-like glass cleaning. Tillis played professional bas-

ketball in Barcelona from 1994-96, but only went for the experience. She was a member of team Barca and played post and wing.

At Stephen F. Austin, Tillis was a Kodak 2nd-Team All-American and was all-everything at Grapeland High School.

Going to the NJCAA tournament in Salina, Kansas last month was similar to her experience at the Women's Final Four in 1998 with the University of Arkansas.

"Both were kind of Cinderella stories," the former Arkansas assistant coach said. "All you want to do is leave it on the court."

"Losing is one of the big

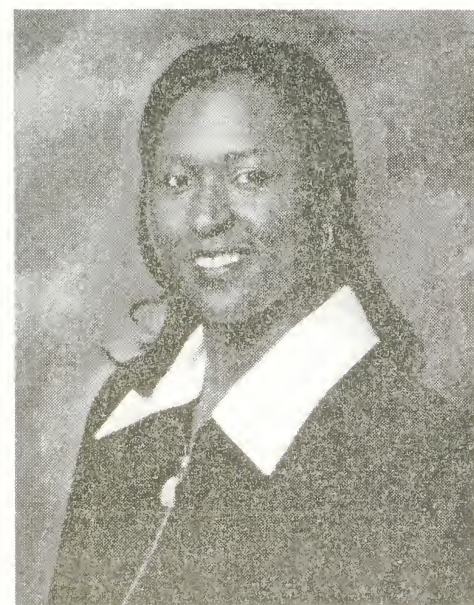
gest lessons in the world. It tells you where your weaknesses are."

In just one year, Tillis understands the responsibilities of running her own team and brings her playing experiences to coaching.

"Good or bad, your name is going to be put on something," Tillis said. "Coaching chose me—I did not chose coaching."

Tillis wouldn't be lucky to have dinner with Bobby Knight, Phil Jackson, and Magic Johnson—they

would be the lucky ones.



Courtesy photo

## Columnist James Ragland at TJC

Clay Bransom  
page editor

Dallas Morning News columnist James Ragland told journalism students to think about making movies when they write stories.

"Always treat each story like you were making a movie. Every story has an opening scene, and the beginning is very important," Ragland said in a special presentation on campus March 29.

"You need to keep your story clean and simple as possible. Minimize ideas in each sentence and paragraph," Ragland explained.

"Shorten sentences and get your ideas across. Avoid weak and passive verbs," he said. "The kill good writing."

Ragland started his career at the Dallas Morning News in 1985 and was promoted to Senior Reporter in 1991. That same year, he moved to the Washington Post for three years, where he covered breaking news like hostage situations and plane crashes before returning to the News in 1994. He became a columnist, the first published in two sections, Metro and Texas Living.

"Real stories come from observing things around you," Ragland said. "Sources are anyone. They all can inform on living life."

"Read different stuff all the time," he advised TJC news reporters and editors.



Photo courtesy of Dallas Morning News

"One time I was working on a story late at night at the Post, and Bob Woodward (who with Carl Bernstein broke the Watergate story) walked up to me and introduced himself. 'That's Bob Woodward,'" Ragland remembered thinking.

"I used to cover Jesse Jackson for a while. Knowing Jesse, he would always look and say, 'Where's Ragland?'" Ragland said of his Post days.

He worked as visiting professor of journalism at Texas A&M-Commerce, his alma mater, in 1999 before returning to the Morning News full-time in June, 2000. He has covered mayors of Dallas and Washington D.C., and had stories published in the The Washington Post and Emergence magazines.

Ragland's columns can be read three times a week in the Dallas Morning News. His columns cover a variety of subjects: community involvement, inspiring stories and public affairs.

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## Tattoos, piercings

# Short-term choices leave lasting effects

by Shannon Matlock  
staff writer

Spur-of-the-moment body piercing and tattooing are common among college students. Most do not even think of the job interviews or future careers that are to follow college when they get their lips or eyebrows pierced, or install a tattoo going up their arm.

"Piercing and tattooing your body is a huge commitment," professional body piercer Bishop, said.

"It is important to really think about visible piercing such as on the face or stretching of the ears," Bishop said. In many professions, visible piercings are considered unacceptable. They may cause scarring if removed.

Andrea Sharff, an elementary education sophomore,

knows first-hand about getting pierced and having doubts.

"I just did it," Sharff said, "in the thrill of the moment when I was with some friends in Panama City for Spring Break."

"I was under the influence of alcohol and it sounded exciting at the time. Then the next thing I know, I'm in the chair with the needle through my navel," sophomore Amanda Alexander said.

Bishop said if the piercing is not properly cared for, it can become infected and create a serious problem. Some piercings can carry more risk than others.

Navel and tongue piercings are considered high risks, Bishop said, because they are in areas that are hard to care

for.

Usually, Bishop said, he sees bacterial infections that result from improper care.

**"I was under the influence and it sounded exciting at the time."**

These infections can be cleared up by going to the doctor and getting some penicillin or soaking the piercing in salt water. Bishop said over-the-counter remedies like Neosporin will create excess scar tissue around piercings.

Tattoo Artist Kid of Tyler

said 85 percent of tattoos are spur-of-the-moment choices.

"Most will come in groups to watch one person get one. When they leave half of the group is tattooed," Kid said.

Kid said when choosing tattoos people usually have a general idea of what they want. When they see the different art, that's when they find something to fit them individually.

Tattoos are so popular. In the next 10-20 years, 85 percent of world's population will have a tattoo, Kid said.

"It's not just the biker's anymore," he said, but people in all walks of life.

Kid said tattoos are certainly something to think about. Anytime people alter their

body, they should think about it.

"Some people don't realize that there is pain, blood and bruising involved. Just think about it first," Kid said.

With 65 tattoos, Kid said some things should be avoided before a getting a tattoo. Drugs and alcohol are No. 1 because they thin the blood, and alter one's state of mind.

"There are three things someone can't live down — a good drunk, a bad hair cut and a tattoo," Kid said.

Proper care is needed while tattoos take place and thereafter, Kid said. The needle is sterilized with high-pressure and heat that kills everything. Care plans are given to instruct on how to care for tattoos. Kid said to follow these carefully.

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## Forensics teaches 'grace under fire'

by Sarah Good  
staff writer

Forensics — competitive speech events held nationwide — can be the best way to teach students "grace under fire and how to think on their feet," Speech Instructor Jacque Shackelford said.

Students prepare through a lot of one-on-one instruction, Shackelford said. The Forensics Team really becomes a close-knit group.

Students can compete in 14 categories, including public speaking, poetry interpretation and debate.

Academic credit is offered through the forensics course, but a student is not required to take this course to participate.

Forensics is open to anyone with a strong interest in speech. Students are not required to be speech or theater majors, but must be "dedicated 100 percent to their work since it takes an enormous amount of time and effort," Shackelford said. Week-

ends are often filled with activity.

"It's just fun!" forensics student Latisha Waters said. She said it not only improved her speech and taught her to be more productive, but her public speaking abilities increased as well.

"It really is a challenge," she said. But it is an "experience and a good preparation" for life.

Law schools often look at a student's performance in events such as forensics, Shackelford said, and many broadcasters have a background in it.

The Forensics Team here has a long history of winning, Shackelford said. They have won both state and region this year.

Students left April 8 for the national competition in Jacksonville, Fla., last week.

To get involved, contact Speech Instructor M'Liss Hindman at 510-2206.



## Exam preparation prevents panic

Sarah Good  
staff writer

Most students do not study enough for final exams, Support Services Specialist Renee Hawkins said. With exam time drawing near, students are beginning to feel the chill of panic.

"The No. 1 problem among students is procrastination," she said. Procrastination then leads to cramming the night before, which only leads to confusion. There is just too much information for the brain to process in one sitting.

Most students do not even know how to study, English Instructor Dr. L.A. Barnes

said. Only about 40 percent of those entering college have ever been taught how.

From this point on, Hawkins said, students should be reviewing class material daily and weekly. This will keep the information fresh on the mind and make it easier to remember in the exam.

Students should prepare a week ahead for each exam, Hawkins said. The hardest study should be done early in the week, giving the brain time to rest before the actual exam takes place. The brain needs this rest in order to think and function clearly.

## Good attitudes produce good grades

Sarah Good  
staff writer

A student's attitude affects his or her performance in class according to many instructors on campus.

Biology Instructor Dennis Mayfield said when a student doesn't want to be in class, it is noticeable in their grades and their attendance. Most students, he said, who sit in the first two rows make As and Bs. Those students who sit towards the back of the class are usually trying to get away from the action.

English Instructor L.A. Barnes said a sign of uninterested students is their unwillingness to do homework. This only "sets them up for failure," he said.

Barnes used the example of one football team that prepares for a game contrasted with one that doesn't. "It's obvious who's going to win!" He said.

Even students can tell they have trouble in classes that hold little interest for them.

"If I don't like a class, it doesn't keep my attention." Freshman Sonja Warren said.

But why do students take classes they don't want?

Students know a college education is more likely to lead to higher salaries, and they know they need it, Barnes said.

But compare this to the knowledge that you shouldn't overeat — people still do it.

Watching TV is more fun than studying, he said, even when students know they need the education.

"It's not that students are unconcerned or lazy," Barnes said. "They are just trying to do too much."

Priorities need to be set, Barnes said, if you want to do well in school.

Work is the main reason most students do not do well. Anything over 20 hours is too much to balance with a fulltime school load, Barnes said.

It is "far better to take a slower pace in school than to do too much," he said. "If you can't do justice to 12 hours, then take six."

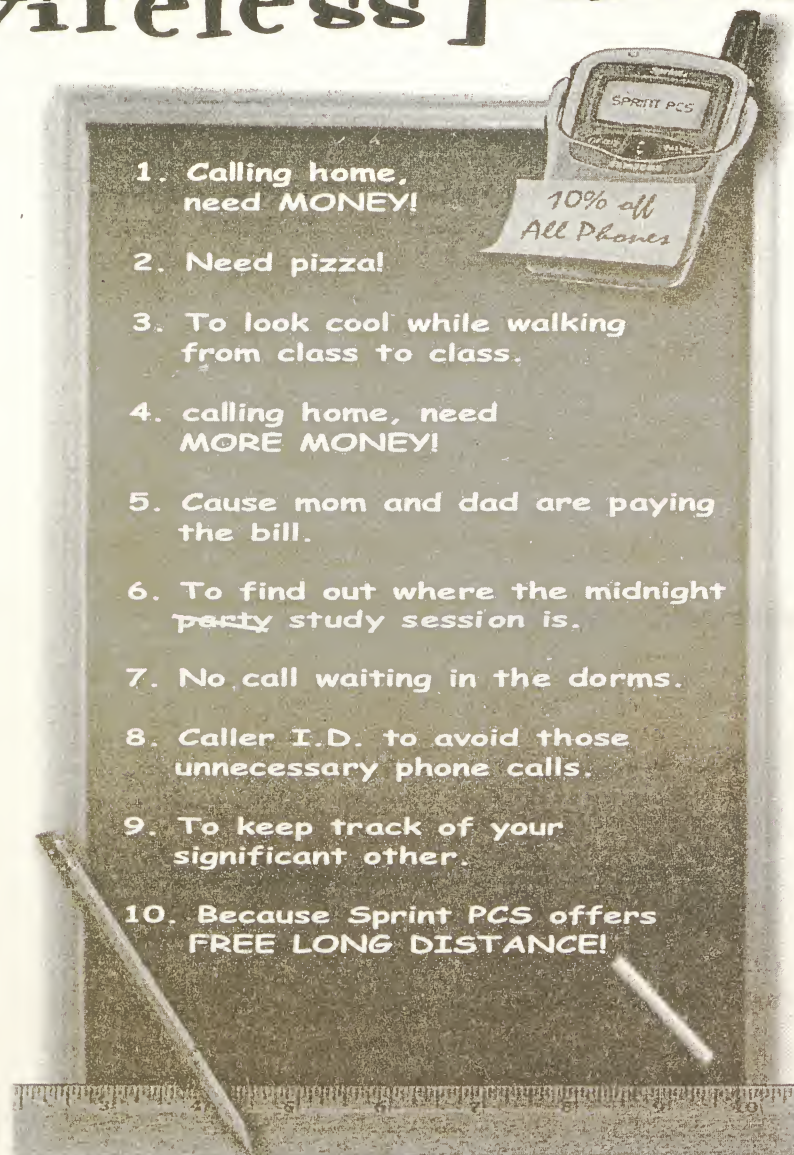
But students "don't need to study all the time," Barnes said, "Because then you become less rounded." Spending time with friends doing activities outside of school is essential.

"Life is full of choices," Barnes said, "And the ones you make now affect other choices later on."

A student has a choice. He can set his priorities and participate in class, and make good grades — even in classes that don't interest him. Or, he can choose to be absent from class and get behind in studies and eventually drop the course.

"It's a lot like getting married and having children," Barnes said, "I am free to have a child, but with that child comes responsibility."

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# 11th International Day to showcase cultures

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TJC will begin a second decade of celebrating International Day April 17. The day-long celebration includes cultural exhibits, food fair, music, entertainment, arts and crafts and educational materials from countries all over the world. The event

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Apache Room of Rogers Student Center, is free to everyone.

"The purpose of this day is to appreciate beauty of all cultures to celebrate and enjoy our diversity," Government Instructor Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi said. Khosrowshahi created Interna-

tional Day to promote culture awareness and understanding — global education.

Entertainment will include music and dance: Songs and Dances from Russia by Lena Chkanikova and Svetlana, music from Costa Rica by Juan Carlos and Jeana Urena, Middle East Dance from

The Dream Harem and Apache Belles. Also, Celtic Music by Beyond the Pale, World Rhythms by Jamal Mohamed and Tanzanian Songs by Erick Fungo.

Other acts include an American Sign Language skit, a tae kwon-do demonstration by Chang Lee Tae Kwon Do Center, and an international fashion show, presented by students and community members. They will display clothing from India, Thailand, Lebanon and Egypt, among other nations.

A replica of the "Wheel of Fortune" will determine door prizes.

At 11:30 a.m. Texas Governor Rick Perry will present a proclamation to Dr. Khosrowshahi and Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst will speak. Other official guests include Texas State Representative Leo Berman, Smith County Judge Larry Craig and Tyler Mayor

Kevin Eltife.

In addition to food and beverages provided by local sponsors, visitors and students can sample foods from around the world.

"The benefits of International Day are magnificent. One never knows where the impact starts or ends," Khosrowshahi said.

Each year, International Day grows larger. Last year, more than 40 countries were represented. This year, booths from 50 countries are expected, he said.

International Day is important in recruiting middle and high school students to TJC.

"Students not only gain knowledge of other countries, but can come here to see the educational opportunities available," Khosrowshahi said.

Khosrowshahi encourages everyone to participate in International Day. This will be a learning experience they will not forget, he said.

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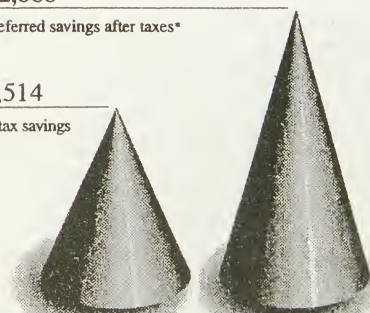
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## Transcript evaluation can help students

by Tera Ives  
staff writer

Degree audits are available to students who need help understanding which courses will count towards a degree. This free evaluation was established to help students know what courses to take.

A degree audit is especially helpful to students who have taken classes at random or "have come back to college after a particular catalog has expired," Transcript

Evaluator Andrea Liner said. With an audit, a student can tell what else they need.

This program in the Admissions Office is open to everyone who has an admissions application. No appointment is necessary.

Although the audit takes only a few minutes, students should ask for an appointment with academic advisors and program directors, who also to help evaluate transcript.

## Sign Language students present Variety Show

by Shannon Matlock  
staff writer

American Sign Language students presented their fifth annual ASL Variety Show Thursday night. Students and faculty members Sally and David Barnett performed stories, songs, skits and riddles.

The Barnetts are ASL instructors.

Terrell Brittain and Robyn Duve shared master of ceremonies responsibilities.



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## Earnhardt Jr. captures pole, Jarrett wins at Harrah's 500

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. captured the pole position for the Harrah's 500 Race at Texas Motor Speedway, but it was Dale Jarrett, the "Great 88", who went to victory lane April 1, in his UPS-powered Ford.

"This old dog can still bite," Jarrett said in the Winners Circle.

Texas has not been favorable to Jeff Gordon, the three-time Winston Cup Champion. Gordon, whose best finish was 25th at TMS, pulled out a fifth place Sunday in his No. 24 Dupont Chevy.

"We feel our chances to win are pretty good. Dale was real fast at yesterday's practice," Wayne Church, Jarrett pit crew member, said. "We are going for another Championship season."

Nine cautions slowed the race to an average speed of 141.804 miles per hour. The last one came on lap 312 when Elliot Sadler crashed his No. 21 car into the Turn One inside wall.

When pit road opened, it was a strategic decision whether to take on two tires or four. Jarrett took on four, which proved to be just what he

needed to win.

Defending Champion Bobby Labonte suffered engine failure, giving him another Did Not Finish. Labonte, along with teammate Tony Stewart, are both having their troubles this season.

Nascar fans traveled to Texas from all over to attend the race.

"We have been coming to Texas for four years now. My husband and I really love this track and it gives us a chance to experience the famous Texas hospitality," Joann Woden of Jackson, Miss., said.

Fans filled the stands and infield for the event, many camping the whole week in the infield area.

"I have had a hell of a time this week, racing and partying," Jeff Fields of Omaha, Neb., said.

Fort Worth also benefited from the race. Last year, the week-long event pumped \$126 million into the local economy. This year 212,000 attended the race.

In the Winston Cup point race, Jarrett leads Gordon by 75 points. Others in the top five are Johnny Benson, Steve Park and Sterling Marlin.

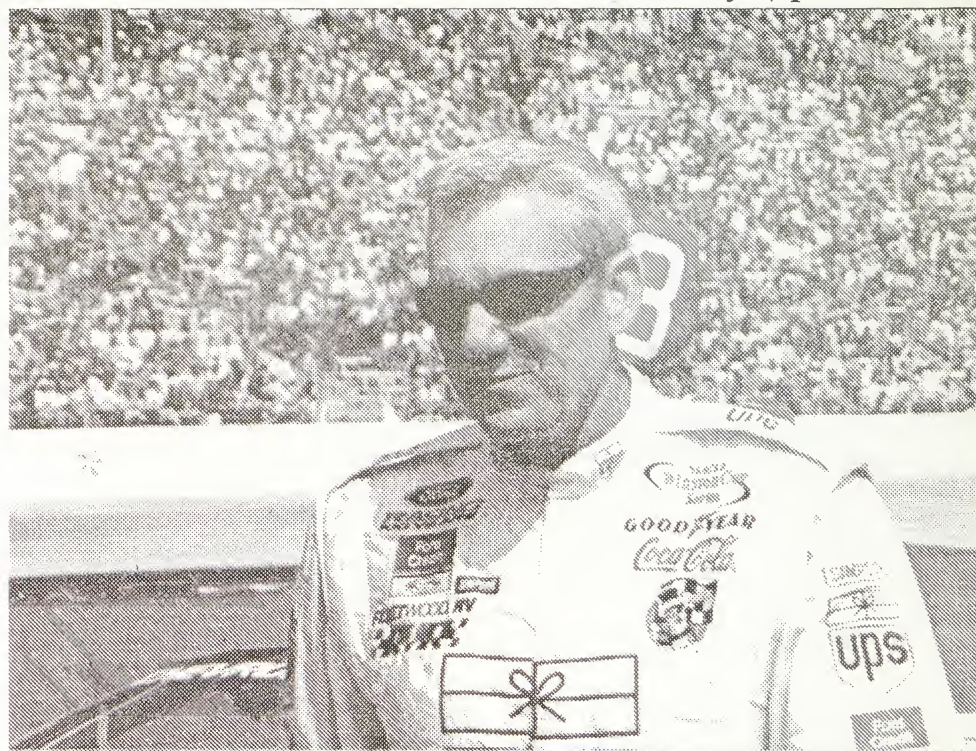


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Dale Jarrett earns second win of the season during Harrah's 500 at Texas Motor Speedway

## Apache Ladies place 5th in national tourney

by John Wilmoth  
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Aiysha Smith scored 25 points and Sholanda Pipkin dropped in 20 of her own as the Apache Ladies defeated Jefferson 81-57 in the fifth-place game of the NJCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

"The team came together well," Head Coach Trenia Tillis said. "They worked well together and made themselves into a family quickly."

While Smith and Pipkin—both playing in their final games with TJC—brought most of the offense, Chinyere James nabbed 17 rebounds and had six blocked shots to go along

with her 12 points. Also, playing in her final game with the Apache Ladies, Ty Wady scored 14 points on 7-of-8 shooting.

Pipkin scored 14 of her 20 points in the first half and Smith was 11-of-16 from the floor.

The Apache Ladies (29-7) will have six returning players and are losing six as well.

With James returning at the post, Tillis is focusing on recruiting ballhandlers and shooters.

"Right now, all I am looking at is guards," Tillis said. "We've got to have people who want to shoot the ball and who want to penetrate."

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